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SUBJ: PRESS COVERAGE OF CODEL SOLARZ' VISIT TO ANKARA

1. APRIL 18 MILLIYET CARRIES ARTICLE BY NILUFER YALCIN HEADLINED "SOLARZ TRIES TO LEARN TURKEY'S REACTION IN THE EVENT THAT CONGRESS REJECTS THE AGREEMENT." YALCIN, WHO ATTENDED OFF-THE-RECORD BREAKFAST WITH CODEL SOLARZ APRIL 17, SAID SHE BASED HER ARTICLE ON INFORMATION SHE HAD ACQUIRED FROM SOLARZ' MEETING WITH REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN ECEVIT. ACCORDING TO YALCIN, SOLARZ ASKED ECEVIT ABOUT THE CYPRUS SITUATION. SOLARZ EXPLAINED THAT A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE U.S. CONGRESS AND AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION BELIEVED THAT TURKEY DID NOT INTEND TO GIVE UP ANY OF THE TERRITORY IT HAD OCCUPIED IN THE SUMMER OF 1974 AND PLANNED TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT TURKISH STATE OF CYPRUS. HE SAID THIS SITUATION MIGHT EFFECTIVELY RESULT IN DOUBLE ENOSIS AND HE WONDERED IF THAT WOULD BE A SOLUTION THAT TURKEY WOULD DESIRE.

2. YALCIN REPORTED THAT SOLARZ ALSO SAID THAT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION HAD PERSUADED MANY CONGRESSMEN TO VOTE FOR THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO.

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GO USING THE ARGUMENT THAT TURKEY WOULD THEN BECOME MORE FLEXIBLE ON

THE CYPRUS ISSUE. HE SAID THIS HAD NOT HAPPENED AND PARTLY BECAUSE OF THIS IT WOULD BE RATHER DIFFICULT FOR CONGRESS TO APPROVE THE NEW TURKISH-U.S. DEFENSE AGREEMENT. HE THEN ASKED WHAT MIGHT BE THE RESPONSE OF TURKEY IF THE AGREEMENT WERE NOT APPROVED. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, SOLARZ APPEARED TO BE LISTENING VERY CAREFULLY WHEN HE WAS TOLD, "IF THE AGREEMENT IS NOT APPROVED TURKEY WILL SOONER OR LATER BE FORCED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE MILITARY ORGANIZATION OF NATO AND OTHER POLICY DECISIONS WILL FOLLOW."

3. THE ONLY OTHER PRESS COVERAGE OF SOLARZ' VISIT WAS IN THE APRIL 18 TERUMAN WHICH SUGGESTED THAT HIS VISIT AND THE HINTS HE HAD GIVEN TO JOURNALISTS THAT THE TURKISH-U.S. AGREEMENT MIGHT BE TURNED DOWN COULD BE PART OF A NEW INTRIGUE BY THE GREEKS AND THE GREEK LOBBY DESIGNED TO UNDERMINE THE NEW U.S.-TURKISH DEFENSE AGREEMENT.

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